

THE ALMA RECORD

VOL. XLIV.—NO. 23

\$1.50 the Year—5c the Copy

ALMA, MICHIGAN, THURSDAY, AUGUST 31, 1922

TWELVE PAGES

WHOLE NUMBER 2267

ALMA PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO OPEN FOR THE YEAR ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5TH

INDICATIONS POINT TO A HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL SCHOOL YEAR.

Many Changes Made During the Summer

The Public Schools will open on Tuesday with prospects bright for a highly successful school year. The probabilities are that the attendance may not be up to the standards of the past year or two, but this promises to be offset to some degree by a probable larger attendance of non-resident students.

In discussing the coming school year with a representative of the Record, Superintendent Luchman stated that a cordial invitation is extended to everyone in the city who desires to enjoy a year of schooling, and said that work could now be arranged to suit the individual desires. He has also asked that those who desire to classify should do so Friday and Saturday of this week, so that this work may be gotten out of the way before Monday. Monday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock there is to be a general meeting of the faculty in the high school assembly room, at which some of the plans of Supt. Luchman for the coming school year will be laid before the teaching corps.

Mr. Luchman announced that among the improvements for the schools is some playground equipment for the grounds at each of the ward schools, the Lincoln, Washington, Republic and Hillcrest schools. This equipment is to be the same at each school and will be of steel and set in concrete. The equipment, which was shipped this week from the factory in Ohio, consists of an ocean waves, a merry-go-round, swing sets, saw-saws, vaulting standards and climbing ladders. The play at the school grounds is to be supervised by special teachers and the regular instructors.

He also called attention to the fact that William E. Reynolds, city manager, has promised that some of the dirt from the excavating for the paving on Pine street, will be turned to the school authorities to be used in grading up the east side of the High School grounds, which will then be plowed, dragged and seeded.

During the summer months considerable re-decorating has been done in the various schools, and particularly in the High School building. The work in the auditorium of the High School is particularly noteworthy.

Another matter that Mr. Luchman expressed satisfaction over was the procuring of an athletic director for the schools in Oliver Carlson, former Michigan State Normal and Albion College athlete, who comes to the Alma schools with fine recommendations.

The complete list of instructors in the Alma Public Schools for the coming year, and the subjects, and grades that they will have charge of, follow:

High School—Principal, Ralph Van Hoesen; American and English literature, Mrs. Hurst; English, Miss Hughes; Agnes True and Lucille Hunt; History, Miss Lovejoy; Economics, Lyle de Bandhart; Latin, Miss Benton; Commercial, D. D. Yoder; Geometry and Algebra, Myrtle Reid and Ray Swigart; Manual Training, George Mullen; Domestic Art, Dorothy Kempf; Physics and Chemistry, Gerald Wilcox; Natural Science, Stella Cooper.

Washington School—Principal, Miss Cora Dunlap; History and English, Laura B. Soule; English, Donna Orr and Ruth Smith; Geography, Marion Worth; Arithmetic, Anna Cook; sixth grade A, Bertha McLaren; sixth grade B, Erma Pechner; fifth grade A, Pearl Clegg; fifth grade B, Mary Pailing.

Republic School—Principal, Frances Stitt; English, Winifred Trapp; Geography, Ada Dick; English, Alice Crawford; fifth grade, Marjorie Ferris; fourth grade, Vera Hudson; third grade, Flossie Maxwell; and Ruth King; second grade, Laura Hinkel, Lysel Britton and Nettie Weatherhead; first grade, Coral Taylor and Neta Stinecomb; opportunity room, Hilda Johnson.

Lincoln School—Principal, Annetta McLaren; fourth grade A, Rose Horton; fourth grade B, Alice Alsbaugh; and Agnes Moody; third grade A, Edith Shandell; third grade B, Nell A. Annibal; second grade A, Marie Smith and Elizabeth Ferris; second grade B, Vera Secord; first grade, Erma Pritchard; kindergarten, Gertrude Hall.

Hillcrest School—Second grade, Bernice Shantz; first grade, Leona Beckwith; kindergarten, Lulu Stone. Supt. Luchman announced that for the first two months, Betty Anderson would supply for Miss Stone.

Special teachers follow: manual training, John Middaugh; music, Arma Emmel, Art, Marie Myers;

health, Lillian Olsen; domestic science, Dorothy Foster; physical training, Georgia Hood; athletic director and physical director, Oliver Carlson.

FINE ENTERTAINMENT

Wednesday evening's free vaudeville given by the Alma Merchants' Bureau for the people of this vicinity again drew a big crowd, the attention of which was closely held by the vaudeville artists.

Four attractions were presented Wednesday evening instead of three as is usually the case, the added number being the Yinger Quartet of St. Louis, which is well known through this section of the state, and which has been in a big demand during the past few years at various religious functions, especially.

The other acts were of unusual class and lasted for a longer period than have most of the acts that have been presented this summer. The evening's entertainment proved to be one of the most successful that has been given during the entire summer.

Sends Donation After Losing Contract

Rev. John A. Klich, pastor of St. Joseph Catholic church, made public a letter, Sunday morning which he had received during the week from one of the contractors who had made a bid on the job of building the new church and who lost out on account of his bid being a little too high.

The letter was from F. L. Broughton of Alma, a building contractor of no small repute, and with it came a check for \$25 as a first donation for the new church, which is now in course of construction. Mr. Broughton, himself a protestant, said he wished to make his donation in view of the fact that he held churches to be "character builders" and thought it his duty to contribute toward their original cost and maintenance.

Work on the church is at a standstill owing to the non-arrival of several carloads of lumber which have been on the way for nearly three months. Holding Banner News.

START ACTIVITIES

After a long period of inactivity the George W. Post No. 132, American Legion of this city is planning on coming out soon with a series of entertainments and will endeavor to launch a program which will at least help in furthering a spirit of community betterment.

The first regular meeting of the Post for the season will be held Thursday evening, September 7 at the rooms in the City Hall. The meeting will be called promptly at 8:00 o'clock. Every ex-service man in the community is invited to attend this meeting and show his desire to make the local Post one of power and influence in the city.

A meeting of the executive committee is to be called this week at which time a definite policy for the Post will be drawn up and the public will be advised as soon as this program is definitely settled.

It is the desire of the George W. Post No. 132 to show the public that civic battles may be as efficiently fought here at home as the cold blooded murder which took place four years ago in Europe. The Legion does not for one moment intend to do anything but co-operate to make the community life here better. All ex-service men are asked to take matches next Thursday evening. There will be a Smoker in connection with the meeting.

POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENT



JOSEPH GROVER
of Alma, Mich.
CANDIDATE FOR SHERIFF

on the Republican Ticket at the Primary election to be held September 12, 1922.

Several years of experience in the Sheriff's Dept.

Your support is solicited. 67-2c

Vote for Richard for County Clerk, Alma's Candidate, the only Candidate in the North part of the County—Political advertisement—67-2w

The letter P was formerly used in numerals to denote 100,

Gratiot Masons Held Picnic at Crystal

A large number of Masons from this city, including several from the Michigan Masonic Home, attended the annual Masonic picnic held at Crystal Lake, Thursday and enjoyed the day with the other Masons from the county, the occasion being a county-wide picnic.

At noon a pot-luck dinner was held by the Masons in the large pavilion at the edge of the lake, and this was followed by a splendid concert by the Shriners' band from Saginaw, which had been secured for the occasion. Mr. Lusk of the Grand Lodge gave an address that was well appreciated by the Masons, and this was followed by a community sing.

It is planned to make the Masonic picnic an annual event for the various lodges of the county.

LIBRARY OPENED TO THE FARMERS

THOSE LIVING NEAR ALMA CAN NOW USE THE ALMA CITY LIBRARY.

Farmers in this vicinity are to be accorded the same privileges at the Alma City Library that are being accorded to residents of this city, as an outgrowth of a discussion by the city commission Tuesday evening. This privilege, it is understood, however, is not extended to residents of other cities.

This will give the farmers of the vicinity and their families the opportunity to make full use of the city library for reference work or for reading purposes when they are in Alma and are desirous of using any time that they may have for this purpose. It will also permit them to borrow books from the city library under the same conditions that the residents of Alma can secure them. This promises to be an attractive thing for the farmers during the late fall and winter months, when they usually have more or less leisure time.

The city library has had a very healthy growth during the past two years and contains a large number of books, which thus become available for the use of the farmers. Magazines of numerous kinds, some of them dealing with technical subjects, and some on world matters of the day, are also available for reading and reference purposes at the library. In addition daily papers are constantly on the racks to be used at the library.

The action by the commission opens up a fine source of information and study for the farmers of this vicinity and the commission is hopeful that the farmers will take advantage of the opportunity that is given them.

STOCK PRODUCTIONS

AT THE STRAND

Manager Miller of the Strand Theater has arranged with the Blackaller Players to appear at his Theater every Tuesday evening during the coming season in dramatic productions. The Strand will be one of a circuit of theaters now being organized, in which the Blackaller Players will appear in the spoken drama one night each week.

This will be a decided innovation and as there are practically no road shows touring this season, it will give Alma people the opportunity of seeing many of the latest dramatic successes presented by a company of players, that ranks with the best stock organizations of this country.

Arthur Blackaller, Comedian, and last year star of the Rose of Washington square Co. one of the leading Broadway successes; Lane O'Donnell, leading woman of the same organization; Miss Louise Blackaller, who played the ingenue role in Head over Heels, season 20-21; Miss Francis Hall, and Miss Helen Manning, Characters; Mr. Arthur Morris, leading man; Mr. Henry Blackaller, characters; and Mr. Chas. Moran, who will play the heavies.

Only the better class of plays will be presented, starting Tuesday, Sept. 5, with Mrs. Hedson Burnett's famous comedy drama "When Hearts are True."

POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENT
To the People of Gratiot County:
As you already know, I am a candidate for re-nomination for the office of County Drain Commissioner.

I have conducted the affairs of the office in a clean and honest manner and the books and records are at all times open for inspection.

I will appreciate your support at the Primaries, Sept. 12.

Sincerely yours,
Erva R. Laycock.
Political advertisement

Vote for Richard for County Clerk, Alma's Candidate, the only Candidate in the North part of the County—Political advertisement—67-2w

SAGINAW VALLEY ASSOCIATION TO MEET HERE SOON

BAPTISTS WILL CONVENE HERE
TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY
SEPT. 12 AND 13.

Good Speakers Are To Be at Sessions

The Saginaw Valley Baptist Association will hold its forty-fifth annual meeting at the First Baptist church in this city on Tuesday and Wednesday, September 12 and 13, at which time it is expected that delegates from twenty-five churches of the association will be in Alma.

The program will include Sunday School, B. Y. P. U. and Missionary work of the denomination and will call for addresses and conferences by Morgan Williams, state director of Religious Education; George W. Lawrence, rural church specialist; and the Hon. Grant M. Hudson, promotion director of the New World Movement.

Rev. F. B. Davis of Saginaw will deliver the annual sermon Tuesday at 11:15 a. m. Tuesday evening at 6:30 a fellowship banquet will be held at which Ben Johnson, president of the B. Y. P. U. work of the Association, will preside.

Following the business session on Wednesday Rev. Fred Allen of Bay City will deliver an address. Mrs. F. C. VanFay of Bay City will have charge of the missionary program of the women's meeting Wednesday afternoon. At 4:00 o'clock on Wednesday afternoon Dr. Henry Morgan of Mt. Pleasant will give the doctrinal sermon.

Rev. A. H. Harnley, D. D., pastor of the Michigan Avenue Baptist Church is the Moderator of the Association. E. E. Shouffer of Alma is the chairman of the program committee. Lloyd J. Green of Essexville will have charge of the music.

Mrs. D. L. Johnson and Mrs. H. M. Glass form the local entertainment committee, and all who will furnish lodging and breakfast for visitors should report to this committee. Mrs. John Becker and Mrs. George Bilsdon are the members of the assignment committee.

DIED AFTER A LONG ILLNESS

MES. C. R. BREWER, PASSED
AWAY THURSDAY AFTER
MONTHS OF ILLNESS.

Mrs. Bessie M. Brewer, a well known resident of this city, and the wife of C. R. Brewer, local business man, died at her home here Thursday after an illness of about a year and a half. For nearly a year she had been confined to her bed and during this time had been a great sufferer. She was 36 years of age.

She is survived by her husband, C. R. Brewer; two daughters, Helen and Beatrice; one son, Robert, an aunt, Mrs. Louise Stewart, of this city, and numerous other relatives.

The funeral services will be held Saturday morning at 10:00 a. m. from the First Methodist Episcopal church. Rev. Matt W. Duffy officiating. Interment was made in Riverside cemetery.

(Political Advertisement)



I wish to have the people of Gratiot keep in mind that I am a candidate on the Republican ticket for County Treasurer and anything you can do to increase my vote at the primaries September 12 will be appreciated.

BELLE J. PRICE.
Vote for Richard for County Clerk, Alma's Candidate, the only Candidate in the North part of the County—Political advertisement—67-2w

High School
All students who wish to go to High School this coming year, must classify either Friday or Saturday, Sept. 1 and 2, at the high school.

A. C. Luchman.

Final Evening Service at Park

The Union Services of the Federated Churches of Alma, which have been in progress at Wright Park for the past two months came to a fitting close Sunday evening with Rev. C. H. Hull's sermon, which proved a good climax to the two months of open air meetings, which were conducted during unusually favorable weather conditions.

A fine spirit was manifested all during the services by those who took part and as is also attested by the increasingly large audiences that attended the services each Sunday evening during the two months.

There is little question but what these services will be continued during the summer next year as a result of their popularity this summer, although there may be some slight modifications.

CHICK RETIRES FROM BUSINESS

JOHN C. CHICK DISPOSES OF HIS
INTEREST IN ECONOMY
SHOE STORE.

Announcement that John C. Chick had disposed of his interest in the Economy Shoe store of this city, in which he had been interested with his father for a period of fourteen years, which became public the first of the week, was greeted with surprise in the business section of the city, as it had not been anticipated that he had contemplated withdrawing from the firm.

The deal, whereby Mr. Chick disposed of his interest in the shoe business, was made Friday, Mrs. A. A. Chick being the purchaser of the interest of the junior member of the firm of A. A. & J. C. Chick.

The Economy Shoe Store was opened in Alma fourteen years ago by A. A. Chick and his son, John C., and since that time they have devoted their efforts to building up the business. Tuesday, A. A. Chick, who continues to hold his interest in the Economy Shoe Store, stated that the same policies would be followed by the firm in the future as in the past.

John C. Chick is undecided as to his future and stated to The Record representative that in view of present business conditions he probably would not again enter into business before next spring, although there was a possibility that he might go into business before that time if a suitable proposition turned up.

It is understood that present business conditions had considerable to do with the withdrawal of John C. Chick from the firm with which he had been associated for so many years.

More Than Met the Guarantee

The report of the secretary-treasurer of the Alma Lyceum-Chautauqua Association for the chautauqua season just closed shows that the sale of tickets was sufficient not only to meet the guarantee but that the committee was able to pass the amount by \$142.50, one-half of which comes to the committee.

The guarantee for the Chautauqua was \$1,225. A total of 510 season tickets were sold for a total of \$1,402.50. Industrial tickets to the number of 277 bringing in \$554.00 and 74 children's tickets selling for \$11.00 brought the total from the sale of tickets up to \$2,967.50.

The announcement of the secretary-treasurer regarding the sale of the season tickets is certain to meet with satisfaction among those who had the pastboards for sale and also with the 160 people who have signed the guarantee for 1923.

POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENT



FRANK OBERST
Republican Candidate for
County Representative
Your support at the Primaries,
September 12, will be appreciated.

TAKE NOTICE
Monday, September 4th, 1922, (Labor Day) being a legal holiday the Post Office will be closed all day.

There will be no city or rural deliveries, collections will be made from all letter boxes at 4 p. m. Mail will be dispatched and Special Delivery matter will receive the usual prompt attention.

F. O. Parker, Postmaster,
By W. M. Stuckey.

CONGRESSIONAL CANDIDATES ARE TO SPEAK BEFORE THE CIVIC LEAGUE ON FRIDAY

MEETING FRIDAY

The regular meeting of the Civic Improvement League will be held at the home of Mrs. Frances King on State street, Friday, September first, at three o'clock. At this meeting, following the idea of a committee on Political Education appointed by the League last winter, some of the candidates for nomination for both congressional and county offices have been asked to speak. All women of Alma are invited to attend. The speakers will be it is hoped, of both political parties and this is in no sense a partisan meeting, but merely one for information. As the Civic Improvement League is a women's organization no men are asked to come to the meeting.

Shouffer Gave Farewell Sermon

Rev. Edward E. Shouffer delivered the closing lecture in the series on "The Christian's Bible," at the Baptist Church, Sunday morning, and in that same lecture brought to a close his pastorate with that church.

The meeting was well attended showing the increased interest that there has been in this series of special addresses.

The subject of the address Sunday was "Do We Need Another Revelation?" The speaker discussed the various phases of knowledge obtained through Christian experience, which confirm the Scriptural experiences of all ages and he made it very plain that we do not need a new revelation today, but that we do need a new vision of truth and a revival of Bible study, and a commitment of individual consecration to things religious.

He pointed out that Christianity must influence the world at the point where the truth touches life. Wherever it is preached it will stir up something, it will set certain forces in motion that will create a new order of things. A man cannot be dishonest in business, he indicated, during the week and expect crowds to be drawn to the place where he worships on Sunday or to accept his pretensions at honesty in things religious.

Silo Valuable in Late Corn Season

In the event of an early frost this fall, farmers of Michigan who are able to store their corn in silos will fare much better than those who depend upon curing it in the shock. This insurance against a partial loss of the corn crop, which was planted late last spring, is one of the most important benefits of the silo, according to Prof. George Brown of the M. A. C. animal husbandry department.

"The corn crop which fails to mature is worth several times as much in the form of silage as it would be as dry fodder," says Prof. Brown, "and it can be kept in ideal condition as feed for an indefinite period, whereas immature corn as grain has little value after it is frozen and the dry stalks are of slight value after midwinter. Silage, on the other hand, may be kept until pastures fall the coming summer or held for use during the fall and winter of 1923-24."

Many silos have been constructed in the state within the last few years, but there are still great numbers of farmers who fail to realize its many advantages. Others pointed out by Prof. Brown are its economy, due to the elimination of waste of forage which results from weathering in the field and from the fact that the coarser parts of the stalk are not eaten; its efficiency as a place of storage; and its advantage in production in allowing the farmer either to increase his livestock holdings or to reduce the cultivated acreage necessary to maintain those already on hand.

(Political Advertisement)

POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENT



JACK THOMPSON
North Star candidate for Sheriff of Gratiot County on Republican Ticket. Your support at primaries September 12, will be appreciated.

WOOD FOR SALE
Dry Beech and Maple Wood delivered to your door. Price right.

F. W. Rudek, Phone 671. 67tf

SMITH, LINDQUIST AND VINCENT TO APPEAR AT THE MONTHLY MEETING.

More Man is Not Asked to Attend

The monthly meeting of the Alma Civic Improvement League to be held Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Frances King promises to be a meeting of rare interest to the ladies of Alma and the other cities who have been invited to attend, as it may be in the nature of a political meeting at which the three principal candidates for the Republican nomination for congressman from the Eighth district to succeed Joseph W. Fordney will be brought together for the first time, and probably for the only time during the primary campaign.

The candidates for the Republican congressional nomination who are to be present at the meeting are Bird J. Vincent of Saginaw, Francis O. Lindquist of Greenville and William M. Smith of St. Johns. William Lash of Saginaw, labor union candidate, was not invited to attend and speak before the ladies, it is understood. Some county candidates have also been asked to speak.

More man is barred from this political meeting, if such it is to be. It is not being called by such a name however. No invitations have been extended to him to be on hand and listen to his favorite candidate orate, and set forth the reasons why he should be favored as the Republican congressional candidate.

The invitations extended to the candidates to speak before the ladies makes it certain that they are taking a real interest in politics, and that husbands are not to decide how they will vote when they go to the polls. They intend to check up the candidates for themselves and then vote just as they think they should vote.

The Alma Civic League, which is holding the meeting, which is of course in the nature of a general mass meeting for the ladies, has invited ladies from several other cities to be present and it is expected that delegations may be on hand from Saginaw, St. Louis, Ithaca, St. Johns and other cities.

It will, undoubtedly, be the biggest mass meeting political or otherwise, to be held in the congressional district this year, and without a single doubt, it will be the most interesting, with three candidates speaking before the ladies, each seeking the favor of their votes.

If the afternoon, Friday, is clear and bright, the meeting is to be held in the orchard at the King home, where there will be plenty of room for all of the ladies. The meeting is to be called at 3:00 o'clock.

Helps in Forest Fire Protection

Allotments of \$400,000 of Federal funds to States co-operating with the Government in protecting forest lands from fire have just been completed by the Forest Service, United States Department of Agriculture.

This sum, together with at least an equal amount which must be supplied by the States co-operating, is expended jointly by Federal and State agencies in protecting from fire forest lands at the headwaters of navigable streams. The allotment is made on the basis of timbered area and cost of adequate protection. The Federal expenditure in any State is restricted to not over \$24,000.

According to the Forest Service, although the money is insufficient to insure adequate forest fire protection, it has in connection with the State funds enabled substantial progress to be made in that direction.

Allotments to the various States are: Maine \$24,000, New Hampshire \$8,425, Vermont \$4,200, Massachusetts \$8,400, Rhode Island \$625, Connecticut \$3,150, New York \$24,000, New Jersey \$5,050, Pennsylvania \$24,000, Maryland \$8,850, Virginia \$18,200, West Virginia \$10,500, North Carolina \$12,000, Tennessee \$11,700, Louisiana \$21,000, Texas \$14,000, Ohio \$1,050, Michigan \$24,000, Wisconsin \$15,000, Minnesota \$24,000, South Dakota \$100, Montana \$13,725, Idaho north, \$21,000, Idaho south, \$2,300, Washington \$24,000, Oregon \$24,000, and California \$22,750.

MARRIED QUIETLY

Wednesday evening at the home of Rev. E. E. Shouffer, Mr. Grove Pack of this city and Miss Esther Riggs, the daughter of Frank Riggs, a well known farmer of Arcadia township, were quietly married. They will make their home in this city.

The steamer Majestic's table cloth placed end to end will reach a distance of nineteen miles.